



OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5

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The Honorable Richard R. Wilcox, Chairperson
Oakland County Board of Commissioners &
Members of the Board

Mr. Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I regret to advise you that the County Executive, Daniel Murphy, decided not to proceed with the acceptance of the property in Ferndale which was offered as a gift to the county by the Ethyl Corporation.

On December 14, 1985, under the direction of our Health Division, the consulting firm of Neyer, Tiseo & Hindo, Ltd. began a site investigation of the property. While some tests were completed prior to the December 31 acceptance deadline, the lack of sufficient time and poor weather conditions precluded arriving at conclusive proof of the presence or absence of any hazardous wastes.

We have advised the Ethyl Corporation of our decision. They were not interested in extending the gift offer. Therefore, we terminated all further site investigations and asked the Health Division for a report. A copy of the Health Division's report prepared by Oscar Boyea is attached.

At this time we intend to return to the Oakland County Community Growth Alliance, who originated the recommendation, and seek their direction.

We thank you for your patient consideration and support and will keep you advised of any future efforts to establish a business incubator center in the county.

Sincerely,

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